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Chief Administrative Officer

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM RESOLUTION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution that formally recognizes National Incident Management System (NIMS) and adopts NIMS principles and policies into the County's emergency management system.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Office, through its Office of Emergency Management, to work with the appropriate County departments to develop a program to integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the County's emergency management system, identify statutes or regulations that may need to be repealed or amended to facilitate implementation of the National Incident Management System, and report back to the Board in June 2006 on the status of the integration of the National Incident Management System into the County's emergency management system.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Federal Department of Homeland Security requires the adoption of NIMS to be eligible to receive 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program funds. Adoption of this Resolution will meet that requirement.

JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Homeland Security has released grant monies to enhance local emergency, prevention and response agencies' ability to prepare for and respond to incidents of terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction. The continued receipt of these funds is essential for the County and its cities to continue terrorism preparedness efforts.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Federal Government has identified additional NIMS State and local government compliance requirements in order to be eligible to receive future funds. OEM has developed a NIMS Implementation Plan that identifies the actions necessary to meet present and future requirements. OEM will take the lead in assisting all County departments with meeting NIMS compliance by the deadlines established by the Federal Government. To assist departments, OEM developed guidelines outlining actions which departments must take to become NIMS compliant.

I have approved the County NIMS Implementation Plan and instructed all County departments to comply with NIMS requirements.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

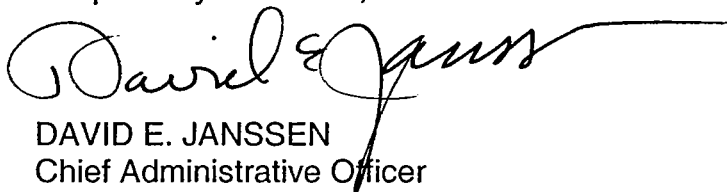
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This Resolution is required to maintain the County's continued participation in the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Performance Grant Programs.

CONCLUSION

Upon execution by the Board of Supervisors, please send an adopted copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Emergency Management for processing.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

DEJ:CP
EB:cm

Attachment

c: All Department Heads
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Emergency Preparedness Commission

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, California local and State government pioneered the development of standardized incident management systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic disasters, including fires, earthquakes, floods, and landslides; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, the California Fire Service, in partnership with the Federal Government, developed the seminal emergency Incident Command System (ICS) that has become the model for incident management nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, California was the first state to adopt a statewide Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) for use by every emergency response organization, and implement a system involving local and State agencies to ensure the continual improvement of the Standardized Emergency Management System; and

WHEREAS, California local and State emergency management professionals have contributed their expertise to the development of the new National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for disaster response and securing the homeland that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the County's utilization of the California Standardized Emergency Management System substantially meets the objectives of the National Incident Management System, and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System nationwide.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in Executive Order S-2-05 directed the State's Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security, in cooperation with Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board, to develop a program to integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the State's emergency management system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby resolves to formally recognize the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and to adopt the NIMS principles and policies into the emergency management system of the County of Los Angeles.

The forgoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____ 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Violet Varona-Lukens

Executive Officer-Clerk of the

Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

RAYMOND FORTNER

BY 
Deputy